

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/761,563

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on March 3, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6-10; which is renumbered to claims 1-5.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/26/04; 3/3/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


MATTHEW LUU
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

-Cancel claims 1-5 and 11-13.

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-5 and 11-13 directed to inventions I, III and IV non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 1-5 and 11-13 been cancelled.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

-The closest prior art, Ooishi (US 2002/0128770) discloses (Fig. 1) a navigation system (100) comprises a server (20) for providing positional information, an information terminal apparatus (10) for receiving positional information; wherein the server (20) includes an image data storage block (Fig. 2, database 25) storing actually taken image data (Fig. 1 shows a camera 50 for taking photographs of the ground). Ooishi further discloses (Fig. 2) a positional information database (positional information determination circuit 210). See sections 51-55.

However, Ooishi fails to teach "the sever includes ...a positional information database storing correlation data between an identifier of image data stored in the image data storage block and positional information, and a file selection block for executing processing of obtaining, based on positional information received through the base station, an image data identifier corresponding to the positional information from the positional information database and obtaining actually taken image data from the image data storage block based on the obtained image data identifier;

the base station includes a regional information management block for managing information including the positional information of itself and, based on an inquiry for a position from the information terminal apparatus, executing processing of transmitting positional information stored in the regional information management block to the server."

-Ogaki (6,912,462) discloses (Fig. 1) a navigation system for providing positional information through a network.

-Yokata (6,604,049) discloses (fig. 1) a system using spatial information utilizing a client, which includes a camera for obtaining image information and positional information about the location of the client apparatus from a GPS satellite.

-Park et al (US 2004/0260458) disclose a navigation system using wireless communication network and a route guidance method.

-Polard (US 2004/0010367) discloses (Fig. 1) a mobile terminal device, which has a touch sensitive screen for displaying an image including the pictorial representation of a location.

-Moore (6,377,210) discloses (fig. 1-3) a navigation system for providing positional information through a network.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUU MATTHEW whose telephone number is (571) 272-7663. The examiner can normally be reached on Flexible Schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JACK KEITH can be reached on (571) 272-7663. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Luu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MATTHEW LUU
PRIMARY EXAMINER